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BY TELEGRAPH.

A SUGAR REFINERY'S PROFITS.

The Austro-German Treaty.

RUSSIA SUGGEST A TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

Treaties of Alliance With Germany.

NEGOCIATING RUSSIAN LOAN

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PATK. McGRATH,
Secretary.

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PUBLIC MEETING IN COURT HOUSE, SATURDAY EVE., FEB. 11th.

ST. JOHN'S, N.F., FEBRUARY, 3rd, 1888.

To the Hon. Thomas Talbot, M.L.C., Sheriff of the Central District:

SIR,—We, the undersigned citizens respectfully request that you may be
pleased to convene a public meeting of the inhabitants of St. John's, at an early
day, to take into consideration the advisability of establishing a Volunteer Mil-
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habitants thereof:—

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In compliance with the above requisition and for the objects therein referred
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that any lady or gentleman who wishes to join in
the movement will meet them at the Athenaeum,
on Thursday next at four o'clock, p.m.

GEORGE FITZGERALD,
Private Secretary.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
February 7, 1888.

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THE SHANDY HALL TRAGEDY.

TRIAL OF WM. CROSS, LATE SURGEON-MAJOR IN THE ENGLISH ARMY.

A REVIEW OF THE MURDER.

CORK, Jan. 11.

On Thursday, the 21st of July, an enquiry was opened into the famous Shandy Hall poisoning case, the last of which terrible tragedy has just been consummated. Previous to that date there had been some talk, as in such cases there always will, about the suspicious death of Mrs. Mary Laura Cross, and on the morning of the 21st of July the body was exhumed, and an inquest was, as stated, opened by Mr. M. J. Horgan, the coroner of the district, into the cause of the death. Mr. Horgan read for the jury a letter from Mr. Tyacke, the district inspector of police, which had set the enquiry in motion. Mr. Tyacke's letter mentioned facts, which have been repeatedly sworn to since in evidence, and are now well known in public. He stated that about the middle of May Mrs. Cross was taken ill, and was treated entirely by her husband, Dr. P. H. E. Cross, no other medical man being called in except Dr. Godfrey, a relative of the Crosses, who lives close to Shandy Hall, and he coming there only once. Dr. Cross gave various accounts of the cause of illness, and Dr. Godfrey imagined from what little he saw and what he was told that it was of a bilious character. Mrs. Cross died early on the morning of June 2nd, and was buried privately early on the morning of the 4th. Next day Dr. Cross left Shandy Hall and married Miss Skinner on the 17th, as a lady living near learned, though he denied that subsequently to this lady. Miss Skinner had previously been a governess in the house, and Mrs. Cross was jealous of her, suspecting an intrigue between her husband and her. Dr. Cross registered the death of his wife as from typhoid fever. Mr. Tyacke concluded his communication to the coroner, by stating that these facts appeared to him suspicious, that a strong feeling existed about the matter in the neighborhood, and that it would be desirable to hold an inquiry. The Crown and police were present at this inquiry, but Dr. Cross was not. Mrs. Caulfield was examined, and told of her visit to Mrs. Cross during her illness, during which that lady spoke of her illness, her thirst, &c., of a second visit to the house, but not to Mrs. Cross, in which Dr. Cross told her that his wife was pretty well, Mrs. Caulfield being surprised to learn that she died shortly after. A servant in Shandy Hall told how Mrs. Cross had been attended by Dr. Cross and his sister chiefly, and that was nearly all the evidence of the first day. The body having been exhumed, was under examination by Dr. Crowley, Coachford, and Professor Yelverton Parson, of this city. The inquest was adjourned to the 29th of July, but on the previous day Dr. Cross was arrested in this city and sent to gaol. He was represented at the re-opening of the inquest by Mr. Robert Deyos, his solicitor, throughout the case. When the inquest was resumed Dr. Pearson swore that he had made an internal examination of the body. He found no symptoms such as would be present after death from typhoid fever, but found arsenic and a small quantity of strychnine in the stomach, and gave it as his opinion that death had resulted from poisoning. The jury, after hearing some further evidence, returned a verdict that death had resulted from poisoning, and the inquest terminated. The next portion of the proceedings was the magisterial investigation which opened in the Grand Jury Room of the Courthouse, on Monday, 1st of August, and was conducted by Mr. J. C. Garner, R.M. Professor Pearson repeated in fuller detail the evidence he had given at the inquest, that death was not caused by typhoid fever or any natural cause, that arsenic in a considerable and strychnine in a small quantity were present in the body, and that death was, he believed, caused by poisoning. Dr. Crowley, who assisted Dr. Pearson, expressed concurrence with him, and deposed to the registration of the death by Dr. Cross as from typhoid. Mrs. Caulfield repeated her evidence, and Mary McGrath and Mary Barron, house-servants at Shandy Hall, deposed to the vomiting and other symptoms they saw exhibited by Mrs. Cross during her illness, also to the fact of her being attended by Dr. Cross and his sister almost entirely. Dr. Godfrey told of his single visit to the woman on the 8th of August. Sergeant Higgins was examined and gave evidence of a conversation he heard during the previous day's enquiry between Dr. Cross and his sister, of which he had made a memorandum. From that it appeared that Dr. Cross had asked her if she had destroyed two little bottles the length of his finger, and she said she had with the others. Miss Jefferson, a nurse, was examined on this day, and said that she was in Shandy Hall during Mrs. Cross's illness, but did not remain with her at night—no one did but Dr. Cross, no one ever as far as she saw, ever gave her medicine but him. Mary Buckley, the kitchenmaid, was also examined, and spoke of what she knew of Mrs. Cross's last night, and of the terrible screams she heard her give during the night. Rev. Dr. Hayes, Capt. Caulfield, Miss Kirchoffer, and the cook, Jane

Leahy, were also examined, but told nothing new, though they confirmed some of the evidence of the other witnesses. On the 15th of Aug. Dr. Cross's extraordinary letters to "My Dear Marriot" were produced and read by Mr. Ronan, the Crown counsel, and went far towards strengthening the suspicions of his guilt. On Monday, September 5th, Professor Pearson gave further evidence of the analysis he had made, and the preliminary inquiry having terminated Dr. Cross was returned for trial on the charge of murder to the Winter Assizes. For some time after this the case ceased to be prominently before the public, though those interested were doing their best to prepare a defence, and preparations were also made to complete and perfect the case for the Crown. On the 21st November the case was again brought before public attention by an application made by Mr. Adams, B.L., on behalf of the prisoner, to have the venue in the case changed from Cork. The grounds of the application were stated to be that Dr. Cross was boycotted, that he was unpopular in the district, and had not been allowed to hunt; that stories had been circulated about himself and his family in Cork and the neighborhood, which were calculated to prejudice his case and prevent his getting a fair trial. Also, that the local newspapers had published sensational reports of the preliminary investigation, which would have a similar injurious effect. A conditional order was granted, but the application was argued in the Queen's Bench Division before Chief Justice Morris and Justices O'Brien and Johnson on November 28th. The Attorney General and Mr. Wright, Q.C., argued the case on the one side, and Mr. Atkinson, Q.C., and Mr. Adams on the other, and the application to change the venue was refused, and the case therefore came on at the Munster Winter Assizes held in this city. The Assizes were opened, on Wednesday, December 5th, by Mr. Justice Murphy, and on the following day the Grand Jury found a true bill against Dr. Cross for the murder of his wife by poison on June 2nd at Shandy Hall. The trial began on Wednesday, December 14th, and lasted four days. Every day the court was crowded to excess, and the greatest interest was manifested in the case, not only in this country, but also in England. The prisoner entered his plea of "Not guilty" with great firmness, and was represented by Mr. J. Atkinson, Q.C., and Mr. R. Adams, B.L., instructed by Mr. Deyos, the Crown case being in the hands of the Attorney General, Mr. Gibson, Q.C.; Mr. Geo. Wright, Q.C., and Mr. Stephen Ronan, instructed by Mr. W. V. Gregg, the Crown Solicitor. The case is so well within the memory of the public that it is not necessary to go into it in any detail. The jury having been sworn the case was opened by the Attorney General. He told how the marriage of the deceased lady and Dr. Cross took place in May, 1869, a marriage of which there were five children, then of Dr. Cross's retirement from the army, and his coming to live in Shandy Hall in a comfortable position. His indifference to his wife, and Miss Skinner's appearance on the scene were then touched on, the intrigue with her, her departure, and the correspondence which Dr. Cross secretly kept up with her after. Mrs. Cross's fatal illness, which began on the 10th of May, was then described. The visits of her friends, the symptoms she exhibited, the way she was attended, and the accounts the prisoner gave of her illness—all were put before the jury; then the death, the stealthy burial, the letters, the registration of the death, the marriage of Miss Skinner, the growth of suspicion against the prisoner, the exhumation of the body, and Professor Pearson's analysis—all these were clearly put before the jury by the Attorney General. The evidence was then gone into, and Professor Pearson's cross-examination by Mr. Atkinson was very able, though the attempt to break down his evidence failed conspicuously. The Crown case closed early on Friday, 16th December, and Mr. Atkinson then opened the defence. The weakness of the defence was a source of much surprise, though all was done that was possible. Mr. Atkinson urged that the crime was without motive, that no matter what they might think of Dr. Cross's conduct, it was for murder alone they were trying him, and he threw out a theory of suicide, and criticised the medical evidence. Miss Cross's evidence for the defence, and her explanation of the doing away with the bottles was not considered satisfactory, and after able speeches from Mr. Adams for the defence, and Mr. Wright for the Crown, the case closed on Friday evening, the 16th of December. On the next morning the judge proceeded to charge the jury, and did so for over four hours and a-half, in a manner and tone that has been much commented upon. After 40 minutes absence the jury returned into court to ask a few questions of Professor Pearson, and after a further short absence they returned into court with a verdict of guilty. The prisoner, who had maintained the coolest possible demeanor throughout the whole proceedings, continued to do so after the sentence. He made a long rambling statement protesting his innocence, mentioning the improbability of his doing such an act or doing it in such a way. When he was done sentence of execution was passed on him by the Judge, yesterday morning, the 10th of January, being fixed

for the execution; and, after an awe-inspiring scene, the prisoner withdrew. The crime had excited the greatest horror, and the popular verdict was emphatically in agreement with that of the jury as to the prisoner's guilt. He maintained the same cool and, it might be said, callous demeanor, that he exhibited during the progress of the case and did not seem much affected by the sentence. A few persons, however, began to have "doubts" as to the justice of the verdict, and a petition was got up for a reprieve. Notwithstanding, however, the general dislike to capital punishment, more particularly in cases where the evidence is circumstantial, nevertheless the crime was in this instance so horrible, and the facts so clearly pointed to the guilt of the accused, that the movement for a reprieve was looked upon with disfavour. The grounds stated in the petition were also looked upon as inadequate; however, the petition got a fair number of signatures. The memorial was forwarded to the Lord Lieutenant on last Tuesday, the 3rd inst., and he delayed a definite answer as long as possible. However, on last Saturday morning his Excellency decided "that the law should take its course," and that he could not interfere. The decision was immediately conveyed to this city, and to the convict and others interested in the matter. Dr. Cross, though he did not make any confession, came during the past few days, it is said, to look at death in a more Christian-like manner, and to exhibit less callousness than previously, and by his request prayers were offered up for him in the Protestant Cathedral on Sunday evening. Preparations for the execution on the scaffold were being made during the past week, and on Monday, Berry the public executioner, arrived by the 2.15 p.m. train, inspected the arrangements and expressed his satisfaction with them, and the execution, as arranged, took place yesterday morning.

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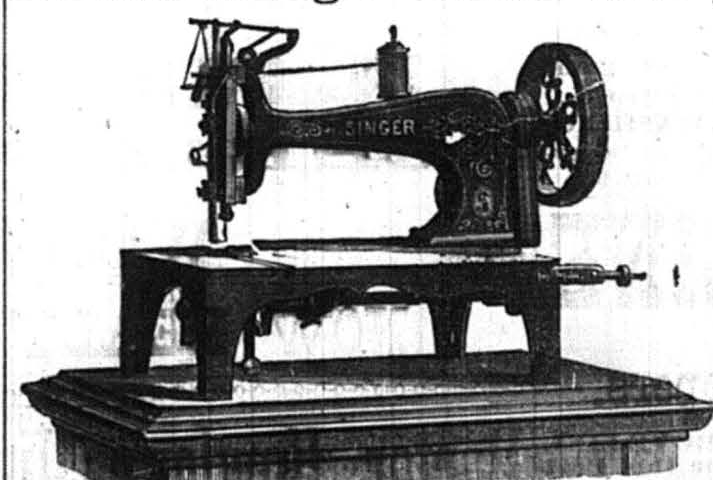
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Select Story.

A Dreadful Mistake

BY THE COUNTESS.]

PART II.

CHAPTER X. (continued.)

'Is he pretty?' she asked, with the old burning jealousy at her heart. The baby—oh, yes; beautiful! They say he is the very image of Lord Selwyn; and papa, you know, is a handsome man.'

'Is he—Lord Selwyn—pleased?' she asked again.

'I think so,' said the boy. 'But when he kissed the baby, I saw tears in his eyes. Perhaps he was thinking of my mother. He loved her so dearly; better than any one else in the world, I am sure.'

'Do you think so?' she asked, and the sick, wearied heart thrilled with joy. 'Why?'

'I know it,' said Rupert, decisively. 'He looks so quiet and sad sometimes. When I go to him and ask him what he is thinking of, he always says, "Your mother, boy."'

She caught her breath with a little fluttering sob.

She had been right, after all, she thought. He loved her memory dead better than he loved herself living. In the midst of her desolation and anguish, she felt that her sacrifice had not been in vain. He was happy, and if she had not made it, he would never have been so.

She walked, and Rupert rode on his chestnut pony, back to the Castle. Only God knew what she suffered, when she caught sight of her old home. There was the park, through which her husband had driven her on the day she came home a bride; there was the broad flight of steps, on the top of which Lord Selwyn had stood when he thanked his tenants and friends for the welcome they had given her; there were the fountains, the flowers she had loved and tended, the widows of the rooms where she had led so happy yet so wretched a life.

One thing she knew: Mrs. Selwyn would not be there to increase the danger of detection. Lord Selwyn had lost his mother soon after his second marriage. She died calmly and happily, the great wish of heart fulfilled—Beatrice was her son's wife.

She—the pale, sad woman, clad in deep mourning, and half hidden by her thick crape veil—entered the home that had been hers, and a strange awe fell upon her as she did so. The old familiar sights and sounds, the windows of stained glass, the pictures and statues, the flowers that had been her great delight—all these had been hers once; and where she stood now—poor, unknown, and obscure—she had once stood, the loveliest bride ever brought to Selwyn Castle.

Rupert was very kind to her, as it was the boy's nature to be to all whom he considered his inferiors. He pointed out to her everything he thought most worthy of notice. Lord Selwyn, passing through the hall, overheard him, and, pleased at this proof of an amiable disposition, he joined them for half a moment, telling his son to show Mrs. Rivers all the pictures in the house, if she liked them. How little—ah! dear Heaven!—how little he dreamed who the patient, gentle woman was!

'I will show you my mother's portrait,' whispered Rupert, as Lord Selwyn went away. 'She had a such lovely face—so sweet and fair!'

Then came a maid to say that Lady Beatrice was in her boudoir.

'I must not go with you, I suppose?' said Rupert looking wistfully at her. 'Lady Beatrice never asks me there. I should like to see you nursing little Lance.'

She followed the maid up the broad marble staircase, with its crimson cloth and stands of flowers. How often she had trodden those same stairs, carrying Rupert in her arms! In a few minutes trembling and shrinking, wondering and fearing, she stood in Lady Beatrice's boudoir. It was not the room she had used, the one that had been fitted for her with such care. Even in the midst of her bewilderment she noticed that the door of her old room was locked. Lord Selwyn never parted with the key. He stood at the door

hardly daring to enter, yet thinking that she had never seen anything so beautiful as Lady Beatrice holding the little baby in her arms.

'Good-morning, Mrs. Rivers,' she said graciously; 'I knew you had a holiday to-day, and as you are so fond of children, I thought you would like to see my dear little baby.'

'You are very kind,' said a faint voice, and Lady Beatrice believed the gentle woman to be overcome by the soft luxurious splendor of the room, and by her own condescension.

'I hope,' she continued, blandly, 'that you are well. I often hear of you; it will be quite a pleasure to me to see my schools again.'

But Mrs. Rivers never heard the words; her eyes were fixed on the babe. Her husband's child, with her husband's face—and this woman, who had treated her so cruelly, for its mother. The color flushed in her pale cheek, then died away, leaving her as white as marble.

'You would like to hold my baby in your arms?' said Lady Beatrice with gracious patronage; and without a word, Mrs. Rivers took the child from her.

Her husband's child! Rupert's brother! Her eyes filled with tears, which dropped upon the richly embroidered dress the baby wore.

'Is he not like Lord Vivian?' asked the proud mother. 'He resembles him a thousand times more than his eldest son does.'

'He is very beautiful,' she murmured, bending over the fair little form; 'beautiful as an angel.'

'Lord Vivian's eldest son has more of his mother's face,' said Lady Beatrice, 'and she was not beautiful.'

The listener who sat so silent, holding the lovely babe, would fain have made a reply, but she dare not.

'It is only natural,' continued her ladyship, 'that I should deeply regret my little Lancelot is not heir of Selwyn. What is the matter Mrs. Rivers? Are you frightened?'

CHAPTER XI.

LADY SELWYN had some reason for asking the question. Mrs. Rivers had started so violently, the child almost fell from her arms. The two ideas had suddenly occurred to her; the first was, how cruelly Lady Beatrice would use Rupert now that he stood between her own child and fortune. She would doubtless torture him as she had done her; make his life wretched, poison Lord Selwyn's mind, if that were possible, against him. She foresaw, and with truth, endless sorrow for her most beloved son.

The second thought, not much less painful, was the wrong she had unconsciously done to the mother and child. She was Lord Selwyn's lawful wife, Rupert, his legitimate son. What were the two before her? She shrank shivering from the thought. When she made what she believed a most heroic sacrifice she had not foreseen this. What was that proud, stately lady after all? Not Lord Selwyn's lawful wife, although she believed herself to be so.

And it struck her suddenly as she sat there, that if she had designed the greatest injury, the most deadly revenge against this her rival, she could not have done more than she had done.

More closely than ever must she guard her wretched secret; more closely than ever must she adhere to her disguise. The proud head of the woman before her, and the innocent head of the helpless child, should never be bent low in shame and disgrace for her error.

She had not foreseen this—truly as that she must one day die, she had not foreseen it. She had made her sacrifice, believing that no one save herself would suffer, forgetting the contingencies that might arise! And this was one of them.

What, in the eyes of law and of men, were Lady Beatrice and her little child? What if ever, by any remote, unforeseen chance, her fatal secret were made known—what would become of them? Well might the fragile hands that held little Lance tremble; well might the troubled face under the crape veil grow ghastly in its despair.

'I did not think I should ever like children,' Lady Beatrice was saying, when her visitor forced back her thoughts and attention; 'but I love my baby.'

(to be continued.)

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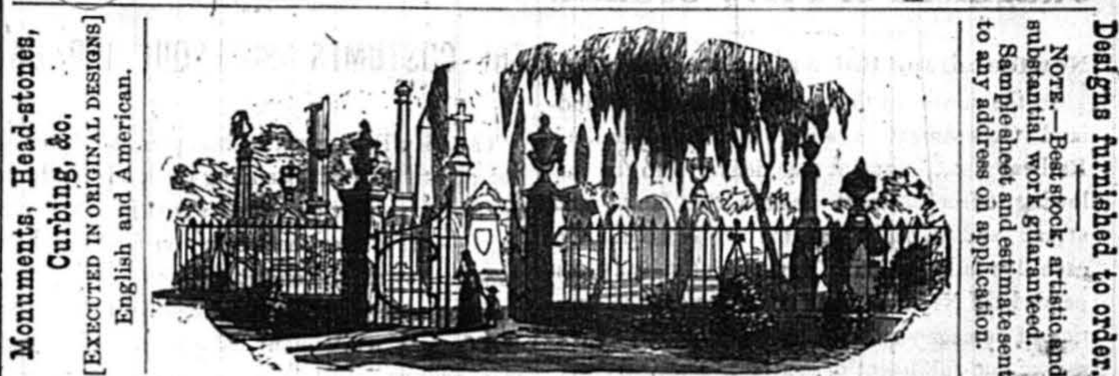
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| Reserve..... | £844,576 | 19 | 11 |
| Premium Reserve..... | 362,188 | 18 | 2 |
| Balance of profit and loss acct..... | 67,895 | 12 | 6 |

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| Accumulated Fund (Life Branch)..... | £3,274,835 | 19 | 1 |
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| REVENUE FOR THE YEAR 1887. | |
| FROM THE LIFE DEPARTMENT. | |

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| Nett Life Premiums and Interest..... | £469,075 | 5 | 3 |
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| FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. | | | |
| Nett Fire Premiums and Interest..... | £1,157,073 | 14 | 0 |

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Judgment of Privy Council.

Newfoundland Railway vs. Government.

In the matter of the appeal of the Newfoundland Government against the Newfoundland Railway Co., judgment was delivered to the following effect: Court decides that land grants attach and subsidy payable on completion of each five-mile section. Payment of subsidy suspended till Newfoundland court decides the question of damage sustained by Government, by reason of non-fulfilment of contract.

NEWFOUNDLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

A full general meeting of the Society was held in the Court House this morning. The constitution and rules of the Society, as published in the *Colonist*, were adopted, with the alteration of two vice-presidents instead of one, Mr. John Dwyer being unanimously selected for second vice-president. A large additional number of persons joined the society. Messrs. John McNeil, J. T. Nevill and Wm. Whiteford were added to the committee.

Another general meeting will be held in the same place (police court) on Wednesday, 22nd February, at noon.

The society proposes to prepare papers on farming, for distribution throughout the colony—to attempt the improvement of stock, and the introduction of new seed for farmers, throughout the Island.

Will 1888 be a Year of War.

The present year is the fifth year of modern times in which the aggregate of the figures is twenty-five, and there will be but five more years in which such a combination is possible prior to the year 2599. Probably but few have ever heard of the old prophecy, which runs as follows:

In every future year of our Lord,
When the sum of the figures is twenty-five,
Some warlike kingdom will draw the sword,
But peaceful nations in peace shall thrive.

Students of modern history will readily recall how faithfully this prophecy has been fulfilled in the four previous years to which it applied.

In 1699 Russia, Denmark and Poland formed the coalition against Sweden, which inaugurated the great war that ended in the disastrous defeat of Charles XII. at Pultown.

The year 1789 will ever be memorable on account of the breaking out of the French Revolution.

1798 witnessed the campaign of Buonaparte in Egypt and the formation of the second European coalition against France.

In 1879 war broke out between England and Afghanistan, followed by the invasion of the latter country by British troops.

In what manner the prediction is to be verified in 1888 remains yet to be seen, but the present condition of Europe seems to promise an abundant fulfilment of the prophecy.—[Philadelphia Enquirer.]

DEATH OF LABICHE.

Eugenie Labiche, the celebrated dramatic author, who died in Paris on the 23rd ult., had suffered from heart disease for years, but of late his existence had been a prolonged torture. His case became complicated by lung fever and liver trouble. Up to the last moment his love of repartee and sense of the humorous remained. He was entirely conscious. His last joke was made on the very day of his death. When the consulting physicians came in to see him for the last time one of them said to Labiche: "Give me your pulse." The dying man smiled and said: "Pray be sure and return it, doctor." At 73 years of age Labiche was a great sportsman, an energetic walker, and a lover of outdoor pastimes, even in spite of his failing health. He came from a good family of considerable wealth, and he was consequently never a down-at-the-heel author. Labiche was a hard worker, going to his desk every morning like a clock. He smoked a pipe incessantly and drank beer. From his conversations with his collaborators came forth those astonishing sarcasms, full of crisp, blunt wit, that have served to make the fortunes of many managers and actors the world over. Labiche was an Imperialist at heart, although politics never interfered with his peace of mind. M. Rousseau pronounced the discourse for the academy at the funeral today, and M. Ludovic Halevy did the same for the Society of Authors. *Le Figaro* gives many of his most celebrated bons mots. The daily papers will bring forth columns of his witty saying to the delight of Parisians, who glory in the personality of their favorite author.

VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT.—A public meeting of the citizens will be held in the court house on Saturday evening next. The requisition requesting the Sheriff to convene the meeting is signed by a large number of our principal citizens, and if those signed to the requisition, or any considerable portion of them, "fall into line," St. John's will soon have a strong volunteer force.

THE CARNIVAL LAST NIGHT.

The City Rink Crowded.

THE COSTUMES GROTESQUE AND GAY.

The City Rink carnival masquerade came off last night. Notwithstanding the mild weather of the two days previous, the ice was in good condition—not a finer sheet being on for the season, though towards the end it softened a little. The building was splendidly decorated with flags, ferns and flowers, while many colored Chinese lanterns suspended at intervals added greatly to the general appearance. From as early as 7.30 crowds began to arrive, and by 8 o'clock over two thousand spectators were in the building, many took seats in the gallery, but the greater part walked round down stairs. The band was stationed in the old gallery stand. At 8 o'clock His Excellency Governor Blake, lady and suite arrived and were conducted to seats in the gallery especially prepared for the occasion. On their entrance the band played the National Anthem, shortly after which the proceedings proper commenced. At a pre-arranged signal the band came on the ice, followed by a squad of juvenile volunteers. The members of the band wore gigantic paper caps of fancy room-paper, and the squad were attired in soldiers coats and other appurtenances of war, and carried birch brooms on their shoulders. A colonel at the head of the formidable battalion looked so much the genuine soldier that suspicions were entertained by many present that he must have been in the Terra Nova constabulary at one time. No shot was fired, no "fierce war's alarm" broke over the ice but one of the bandsmen was so affected by the situation that he fell on the ice two or three times. The scene was grotesquely absurd, no two of the boys keeping the same step, and while the coloured fire was being set off during their march, they looked not unlike the fairies who played midnight revel with Rip Van Winkle. After two rounds the squad retired, and after a short interval, the masqueraders came on. At first a general dash and a struggling mass of colored costumes could only be seen, but after one or two rounds the chaotic groups sobered into order, and spectators had a chance of seeing the costumes in detail. The prevailing opinion was that the costumes were as a whole, more varied and better selected than they were last year. Many costumes in the general throng might have escaped notice, but the following were amongst the most conspicuous. [It may be well to state here that, contrary to all regulations in connection with carnivals abroad, the names of the characters assumed are not given in St. John's carnivals at the time of purchasing the tickets; and it may not be out of place to suggest to Mr. Foran the advisability of insisting on knowing the characters to be assumed when he is selling the tickets. There are many reasons why this should be so, but the principal one is that all who appear on the ice may be mentioned in their character-costume. As it was last night, some of the characters were of such a nondescript character that it was almost impossible to locate them.] The prettiest costumes amongst the ladies were "Britannia," followed in order by "Liberty," "Snow-Shoe Maiden," "Erin," an "Equestrian," a "Shepherdess" and a "Vivandiere." Two female graduates looked well, as did a young lady in the costume of a Welsh peasant. An "Old Woman" created much laughter by her antics. A young lady, dressed as a female "Man-of-War," and a stately "Equestrian" (a young lady milliner of New Gower-st.) were considered the best skaters. "Terra Nova," "Tobogganer," "Gipsy Maiden," "Red Riding Hood," and "Huntress," were all neatly dressed, and skated well. An "Italian Peasant Girl," sweet, in her simplicity of costume, as the fruit of the sunny land of the sister she represented, was, for petite prettiness, one of the nicest figures. She skated pretty much alone, and left the ice without unmasking, thus remaining in *erg.* all through. Many other ladies were attired in tasteful and attractive costumes, but as they represented, as far as known, no particular character, it would be impossible to describe them. Now for the gentlemen: "Neptune" was the best costume, but the best skater was a courtier of the Elizabethan period, probably "Leicester." "Uncle Sam" looked well, as did a "Highland Shepherd." "Puss in Boots" was well got up, but having an engagement, left the ice early. A "Lawyer" looked well, as did an "Admiral," and a "Waiter," a "Sealer" and a "Highlander." Three gentlemen representing "Music" were conspicuous figures. A fair sprinkling of soldiers and niggers were present. "A Watchman" was in good form; many others were present, but the names of the characters they represented could not be ascertained. The music, by Professor O'Brien's band, was never better, and highly pleased all present. The decorations and fire-works were under the management of Mr. Isaac Doucette, head-waiter at the Atlantic, and he deserves credit for the manner in which he conducted the business. The sheet of ice, which was in charge of Mr. William Smithwick, was one of the best for the season.

DAKOTA'S DEAD.

OVER 1,000 VICTIMS OF THE BLIZZARD.

Five Days in Making Thirty Miles—Children Wrapped in Mail Sacks Perish From Severe Cold.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Jan. 21.—Judge J. F. Kinney, agent of the Yankton Sioux Indian agency in Dakota, arrived here yesterday, after being nine days on the road. Five days were necessary for the party to travel 30 miles. The mercury during the five days was 40 degrees below zero most of the time. The judge says the loss of life in Dakota has been greatly underestimated, as the Dakota papers have tried to cover it up. He describes the scene which took place on board the cars. The coal was running low. The passengers were crowded into one car, trying to keep warm. Two babies perished. The men discarded all the outer garments they could spare and gave them to the ladies and children. Finding these not enough, they brought mail sacks from the postal car and wrapped the children up in them. While at one station in Bonhomme county 19 frozen bodies were brought into the depot in one day. In the same county the list of dead will reach fully 160. The reports made at Yankton yesterday of the loss of life throughout the territory figure up to 1,000. The counties where the loss of life was the largest are: Bonhomme, 160; Hutchinson, 14; Lincoln, 13; Beadle, 25; Spink, 12; Hand, 10; Ward, 15. The northern and central parts of the territory have not been heard from fully. The judge named a number of curious incidents relating to the wanderings of people who went out in the storm. Mrs. Browning, of Turner county, went from her house to the stable, a distance of 100 feet, and her body was recovered on Sunday, seven miles from home. Charles Dollinger, a farmer of Turner county, perished seven feet from his house. A woman, name unknown, of the same county, went out to care for her chickens, and was found two miles from her house. Roads from the agency to Yankton are lined with dead cattle, many farmers losing all they had. One man lost over 100 head. The loss of stock cannot be estimated. P. L. Clark and wife, of Yankton county, were driving toward Yankton when the blizzard struck them. The horses refused to proceed, and were turned loose. Mr. Clark took a strap and fastened one end to Mrs. Clark and the other end to himself, and, turning their backs to the wind, wandered at random. They came to a haystack, into which they burrowed and remained all night. In the morning Mr. Clark crawled out and proceeded to a house; he was obliged to crawl on his hands and knees, as his clothes were frozen stiff. He reached the house and procured assistance to go to Mrs. Clark. She was dead when found. William Reiswig and a hired man, living near Tripp, were found frozen to death within a few feet of the stable, to which they had gone to care for stock. Joshua Taylor and two sons, near Scotland, started to water their stock before the storm came up. Their bodies have not yet been found. Judge Kinney has received word from the agency, and he says, while a large number of Indians were out hunting and hauling wood, none are missing. The judge was accompanied all through the scenes of suffering by his wife. Both were slightly frozen about the hands and feet.

The body of Charles Wilson, another blizzard victim, was found in Hamlin county yesterday. He left Castlewood one week ago Wednesday with snow shoes on. Conductors report drifts as high as telegraph poles. Great fears are entertained that the road may be permanently closed for spring, in which case much suffering must be inevitable from the fuel famine that would result.

The bodies of Koeckeritz and his hired man, lost in the blizzard in Minnesota south of Big Stone City, were found last night locked in each other's arms. Miss Little, of Geneva, reported lost, has been found safe and well with her school children at a neighboring farmer's; also George Powell, who went to her rescue.

The Typographical Union.

The fifth annual meeting of the "St. John's Typographical Union" was held last night. The usual business having been transacted, the reports of secretary and treasurer were read, and thanks of the association tendered to Messrs. M. J. O'Mara, C. W. Green, G. T. Oliver and W. J. English, late officers, for the efficient manner in which they conducted the business of the Union, during their term of office. Election of officers for ensuing term resulted as follows:—

P. J. BRINE, elected president.
M. CONNORS, elected vice-president.
G. T. OLIVER, re-elected treasurer.
W. H. GOODLAND, elected secretary.
OFFICE CHAIRMEN.—Messrs. W. H. Norman, Mercury; George Hennebury, Telegram; P. J. Walsh, Royal Gazette; P. J. English, *Colonist*.

The str. Esquimaux left Dundee on the 6th inst., the Aurora today and the Terra Nova will leave on Friday, all for this port.

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUNDS OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOR YEAR 1887.

Owing to the illness of one of the collectors the book containing the names of the following contributors to the funds of St. Vincent de Paul Society could not be had until a few days ago, hence the delay in publication:

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| Barnes, Robert... | \$2 00 | Keefe, Capt M... | 1 00 |
| Bogan, John... | 1 00 | Kearney, J R... | 1 00 |
| Benjamin, E A... | 1 00 | Keating, Thos... | 1 00 |
| Cormack, James | 1 00 | Kickham, Chas... | 1 00 |
| Canning, W S... | 1 00 | Lundergan, Mrs | 1 40 |
| Curran, John... | 1 50 | Molloy, T N (U S C) | 2 00 |
| Chaplin, Mark... | 1 00 | March & Sons, S | 2 00 |
| Callanan, Mrs C | 1 50 | Martin, Mrs J H | 1 00 |
| Connolly, M... | 1 00 | McKenzie, John | 1 00 |
| Charles, Thos... | 0 50 | O'Donnell, Jas... | 4 00 |
| Cashin, Wm... | 0 50 | Ohman, N... | 1 10 |
| Dickenson, G H | 2 00 | O'Brien, J F (Bos- | |
| Dooley, Denis... | 2 00 | ton) | 1 00 |
| Donovan, T... | 0 50 | O'Dwyer, John... | 1 00 |
| Fox & Son, Jas... | 4 00 | Oke, Wm... | 0 50 |
| Foran, J W... | 1 00 | Parnell, F... | 2 00 |
| Farr-J Michael... | 1 00 | Patterson, Patk | 0 50 |
| Fitzgibbon, Mrs G | 1 00 | Rendell, W & G (Jn coal | |
| Friend, | 0 20 | Stott, James... | 4 00 |
| Gleeson, James... | 2 00 | St. Croix, Wm... | 1 00 |
| Harvey & Co... | 12 00 | Thorburn, M... | 4 00 |
| Hearn & Co... | 8 00 | Tobin, M & J... | 2 00 |
| Howley, Wm... | 2 00 | Walsh, W P... | 20 00 |
| Harvey, R... | 1 00 | Winter, Thos... | 1 00 |
| Hayward, Geo... | 1 00 | Watson, J H... | 1 00 |

THE SUPREME COURT.

JUDGMENT IN IMPORTANT CASES.

Post-Terminal Sittings.

Judgment was delivered this morning, by their Lordships, in the following cases:—

Skelton vs. the Government.

A claim for compensation for failure of government to appoint plaintiff a stipendiary magistrate at Bonavista. Judgment for the Government.

Withycombe vs. the Government.

A claim for damages for salary and wrongful dismissal from the office of superintendent of pickled fish. Judgment for the Government.

Peters & Sharp, Trustees, v. J. W. Finlay

An action of ejectment, to recover possession of dwelling house and land on Circular Road. The judgment of the Court was for the plaintiffs, the Chief Justice dissenting from decision of their Lordships, Judges Pinsent and Little.

Correspondence.

The Editor of this paper is not responsible for the opinions of correspondents.

THE VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT.

(To the Editor of the Colonist.)

SIR,—I held rank of sergeant for many years in the volunteer force of this town. I would say to you, Mr. Editor, don't encourage the government to form another volunteer battalion. It means simply wasting money.

A volunteer police force, under the command of an efficient police inspector, would be more to the point. Such a force would be always on hand to aid the regular police.

Oblige by inserting this in the *Colonist*. You will find I am correct. Note late troubles in London, the government sent word to the volunteer force that they would only consent for them to act as special police, not in red coats.

Yours, etc.
St. John's, Feb. 7. NO. 1 COMPANY.

NEWS FROM PLACENTIA.

(To the Editor of the Colonist.)

DEAR SIR,—The recent heavy snow-storms have impeded travel on the line between here and Holyrood, to such an extent that our mails are delayed several days each week, it being nearly impossible to get a horse through. Mr. Sinnott lost a valuable animal in the vicinity of the South-east Mountain, within a short distance of where the house, lately kept by Thomas Croke, stood. As it happened, the frost was not very intense; otherwise, mail-man Keefe, good traveller as he is, would have a very narrow chance for his life when his horse perished. He had no alternative but to go back to Colinet; to push on for home would be impossible—the wind being in his face and blowing a gale, with blinding drift. No blame can be laid to Keefe; no man could do better, under the circumstances, and he is an old and well-tried servant. Why the mountain house was removed and at such a time, when, in all probability, it would not have been required after this winter, is an open question. Whether for political economy or want of attention on the part of those who had the place in charge, I cannot answer, but its removal at such a time was very ill-advised. Had the parties been living there, Keefe would have had no difficulty in saving his horse. It is to be hoped that this matter will be looked after by the parties interested. Though we look forward to a better mode of travel in the near future, by the iron horse, yet there is no excuse for allowing the old line to go down before the new is completed.

Our fellow-townsmen, Messrs. Jno. and Geo. O'Reilly, arrived here last week by the Placentia Railway Line, and report the work as progressing favourably. The men are now working

within three miles of the head of the North-east Arm, and by the Spring the survey between here and the Capital may be made in one day with comparative ease. That a large amount of traffic awaits this line, on its completion, is now apparent, as our trade with St. John's is rapidly increasing, and the demand for rapid transit, both for freight and passengers, increases as our trade advances.

The weather here for the past fortnight has been very boisterous; but the frost did not go below zero yet, and navigation in this Bay and Harbor is clear. Yours, etc., H.

Placentia, 30th Jan., 1888.

An Able Law Writer's Death.

Frederick C. Brightly, the author of "Brightly's Digest," and other notable law books, died on the 24th ult. at his residence, 29 Harvey-street, Germantown, Penn., at the age of 76 years. On Aug. 14, 1885, his wife, Sarah Brightly, died at the age of 81, being his senior by six years. At that time Mr. Brightly himself was lying very ill from Bright's disease, which was the ultimate cause of his death, and it was expected that he could not long survive her. But recovering he returned to his literary work, and kept at it faithfully until within a short time, when he was finally compelled to lay it aside.

Mr. Brightly was born in 1811 at Bungay, Suffolk County, England. When a youth he was apprenticed as a sailor. As a midshipman in the employ of the East India Company he made three voyages to the East Indies. On his return from his third voyage in 1831, he brought his youngest sister to America, whither his parents had already emigrated. In 1835 he married Sarah Corfield, daughter of Edward D. Corfield, at one time mayor of the District of Northern Liberties and Clerk of the Quarter Sessions Court of Philadelphia County. He abandoned the sea and studied law, being admitted to the Bar in 1838. In 1852 he began writing a treatise on the law of costs. A few years later he withdrew from the active practice of law, and for the past 30 years he had devoted his time almost exclusively to law writing, which has made his name famous. Among his principal works are his book upon "Equity," "Brightly's Pardons Digest of Pennsylvania Statutes," "Digest of United States Statutes," "Digest of New York Reports," "Federal Digest," "Digest of Pennsylvania Reports," "Digest of Forty Volumes of United States Reports," "Brightly's Reports," being select cases; "Bankruptcy," "Binn's Justice," and "Toubat and Halley's Practice." He is said to have possessed the finest Pennsylvania law library in existence.

French Interests in Newfoundland.

A London cable to the Toronto Mail says:—A naval force has been organized at Cherbourg for the protection of the French interests on the Banks of Newfoundland. This intelligence is important to British vessels engaged in the Newfoundland fishing, as significant of the determination of the French Government to disregard the provisions of the Bait Bill.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Sorcerer in Star of the Sea Hall tonight.

The Hercules is having her engine overhauled.

Academia tournament dinner at Lash's tomorrow night.

The str. Curlew left Lal'le at 11.20 a.m. today, going west.

Captain Kyd will be reproduced by the Total Abstinence club in their hall on Friday night.

Messrs. M. W. Furlong and William J. Meehan were admitted members of the law society yesterday.

The highest point attained by the thermometer during the last twenty-four hours was 34; the lowest 21.

Only a few more tickets left for the United Fishermen's Soiree; purchase one, as it is going to be the most brilliant event of the season.

The steamer Portia sailed at 2.30 this evening for Halifax and New York. She was decorated with bunting in honor of Edgar R. Bowring, Esq., and lady who are passengers on board, bound for New York.

A concert under the direction of Professor David A. Flynn, in aid of the Harbor Grace R. C. palace fund will take place at the above named town on tomorrow night. Mr. Flynn's concert have always been successful.

Members of the Wesleyan Academic Institute are reminded of the meeting in the College Hall tonight, and as matters relative to the amendment of the constitution and bye-laws will be considered, a full attendance is requested.

DEATHS.

MAINWARING—This morning, after a long and painful illness, Margaret, beloved wife of the late Richard Mainwaring, aged 52 years, leaving five children to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on Friday next at 2.30 o'clock p.m., from her late residence, No. 187 New Gower-street; friends and acquaintances will please attend without further notice.